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Kindly cancel claims 1-13 and 15-17.

Please add new claims as follows:

18. (New) A method of reducing degradation of an oligonucleotide on an array

during fabrication of said array, said fabrication comprising

generating a pattern of light and dark areas by selectively irradiating at least a first area of a surface of a substrate, said surface comprising immobilized nucleotides on said surface, said nucleotides capped with a photoremoveable protective group,

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